

105.1899 GTP/Gibson

Operative G T Purdy.

Nov. 21st, 1926

Re: TELEGRAM received by Senator C.E. Case from  
S.R. Fish, 49 North Village, Rockville Centre, L.I.

*Re Mrs. Gibson*  
Operative interviewed the man who is a reporter for the Brooklyn Times. He stated that a Mr. Merle MacAlister of Lynbrook informed him that he was the Commander of the Veterans of Below Wood, U.S. Marine Brigade of men who served in the 5th and 6th Marines and that at the time they ran the Marine Million Dollar Circus Mrs. Gibson and her manager, a man named Carter or something like that, came to him and asked him to get a concession at the Show. He said the heads of the show carefully considered the application and finally Mr. MacAlister O.K'd. the application and Mrs. Gibson and her manager paid \$150. for the concession for a week and also had to pay 20 per cent of the admission which they charged to see Mrs. Gibson and her Mule on exhibition. He further states that a Marine sold and collected the tickets and each night Mrs. Gibson and Carter went to the Accounting room and the receipts were divided.

Mr. Fish then called Mr. MacAlister on the telephone and asked him to come to his office. In about 15 minutes Mr. MacAlister arrived and told operative that he was one of the men in charge of the Million Dollar Circus and that he O.K'd the entrance of Mrs. Gibson and her mule to the show. That it was the best paying proposition and attraction in the show and he can prove this by the records which he believes he can secure. He further stated that Mrs. Gibson was there every day for seven days. The price of admission to her show was 25¢. Mr. Mac Alister went on to say that they had advertised in the Billboard and several other theatrical Magazines for concessioners and that is how Mrs. Gibson and her manager Carter came to be in the show. She told Mr. MacAlister that she had exhibited her mule in several cities.

Mr. MacAlister stated that if the defense wishes to, he thinks he can secure the official records of the show, her contract and also the receipts which were taken in while her mule and self were on exhibition.

Mr. MacAlister further stated that he believed her testimony up until the time he read her testimony in the newspapers and he is now certain she is a liar, after she said that she exhibited herself and mule for charity. He said that is a positive lie on her part. Mr. MacAlister is willing to testify for the defense and operative told him that he would communicate with him again. His telephone number is Lynbrook 3700 and he is willing to make a search for the records and come to New Jersey to testify. This show referred to opened March 17th, 1923 and closed March 24th, 1923.

Respectfully submitted:  
G.T.P.